

**VILLAGE OF BLACK CREEK
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
RESOLUTION 2025-4**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BLACK CREEK TO DIRECT
CHARGE PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION**

WHEREAS the Village of Black Creek, Outagamie County, Wisconsin (the "Municipality") owns and operate the Black Creek Municipal Water Utility (the "Utility") as a public utility; and

WHEREAS the Municipality provides fire protection for the benefit of the public health, safety and well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS the Utility is authorized by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) to recover the cost of providing and maintaining fire hydrants used for public protection; and

WHEREAS the Municipality has included the annual public fire protection charge due to the Utility as a combination charge of Village's property tax levy and direct charge on water bills; and

WHEREAS Wisconsin State Statute Section 196.03(3)(b) allows the Village Board to collect the public fire protection charge through the tax levy or as a direct charge on the water utility bills or a combination of both; and

WHEREAS the Municipality has determined it is in the public interest to change the manner in which public fire protection charges are paid from a combination charge (tax roll and direct charge on water bill) basis to charging the full public fire protection amount as a direct charge on water bills, thus, allowing for the collection of public fire protection charges from property owners not presently subject to the property taxes; and

WHEREAS the Municipality desires to use the equivalent meter method for calculating the direct charge;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Village staff are authorized to work with PSC staff in implementing this request and that this change will be effective upon review and approval by the Public Service Commission of the State of Wisconsin.

Approve and adopted this 14th day July, 2025.



Andy Gleason, Village President

ATTEST:



Barbara Schuh, Village Clerk-Treasurer